

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 4, 2011
7:00 PM**

Mayor McHale called the meeting to order

Invocation: Father Joseph O'Brien-Pastor of St. Therese of Lisieux Church in Cresskill
Flag Salute

Sunshine Law: The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey have been satisfied by the inclusion of the date, time and place of this public Reorganization meeting in a notice sent to *The Record* and *The Press Journal*, filed with the Borough of Dumont, and posted on the Dumont website and the official bulletin board.

The Certification of Election, dated November 11, 2010, was received by the Borough Clerk.

General Election Municipal Results:

William Bochicchio – 2,292

Matthew Kruger – 2,372

Ellen Zamechansky – 2,394

Harry Stylianou – 2,401

The Oath of Office was administered to Ellen Zamechansky by Matthew P. McHale, Mayor of the Borough of Dumont

The Oath of Office was administered to Harry Stylianou by the Honorable John A. Conte, Superior Court Judge in Bergen County

Councilman Stylianou commented that when he took his first oath of office he pledged to put politics aside and base his decisions on what is best for Dumont. In the past year, much was accomplished as a Governing Body and the focus was always on the people of Dumont. He thanked everyone for their support.

Councilwoman Zamechansky commented that this is the beginning of her third term. The Borough's departments and volunteers are hardworking and very much a part of the town. This was a tough election; however, many of the people who voted Republican down the line, voted for her and Councilman Stylianou. It says a lot for the two of them and acknowledges all they do for the town.

Roll Call: Council members Carrick, Caspare, Freeman, Manna, Stylianou, Zamechansky-present

Mayor Matthew P. McHale-present

Mayor's Remarks

Mayor McHale stated that it gives him a great sense of pride and humility to be the Mayor of not only his home town but the town which really made him the person he has become. Both Harry and Ellen have been along with us since 2005 and Harry 2006, when this borough came together to overcome extreme obstacles, whether it be of a fiscal nature with the state intervention, the numerous storms that we have weathered, the coming together and ensuring that the Dumont that we have known and that we love and that we are a part of, continues into the 21st century.

In 2010 alone there were many great accomplishments, one of which he is most proud of, being the construction of 49 affordable senior housing units and the reconstruction of the intersection of New Milford, Virginia and Washington Avenues that went with it. It was a tremendous, accomplishment that was achieved by the members of this Council and by the cooperation of the community.

The Mayor stated that we were able to upgrade our credit rating to a point where we are no longer viewed in terms of our bonds as junk but actually something that Wall Street is buying. There are many obstacles ahead, that being the beginning of our Phase II Environmental Infrastructure Program along the Hirschfield Brook to address chronic flooding; the remediation of our DPW facility and our Twin-Boro Field; increased shared services and most importantly, a reevaluation and a readjustment of the fiscal operation. The more that the State of New Jersey and the more that the federal government tighten their belts, we must do the same.

Mayor McHale expressed sadness, as well as pride, as he announced that he would not be running for reelection. It has been a tremendous experience to have worked as closely as he has with the members of the governing body, countless volunteers, fire department, police and EMS services. He stated that he will look back and have great and fond memories of his time as the Mayor of this great town.

Council President's Remarks

Council president Manna stated that the Borough is faced with an uncertain economic landscape. As in the past, he and the Governing Body will face the challenges with honesty and forthright discussion in order to do the right thing for the people of Dumont.

Mayor McHale requested that the resolution approving the fire officers be moved from the consent agenda so that the officers could be sworn in prior. Councilwoman Zamechansky made a motion; Councilman Manna seconded. All in favor.

Motion to adopt Resolution 11-25: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Manna

Motion to open to the public on resolution #25: Councilman Freeman

Second: Councilman Caspare

All in favor.

Motion to close: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Caspare, Freeman, Manna, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes.

Oath of Office administered by Mayor McHale to Chief Glenn Byrd, Assistant Chief Antonio Spina and Deputy Chief Matthew Banta.

Motion to recess: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Manna

All in favor.

Motion to go back into session: Councilman Freeman

Second: Councilman Caspare

All in favor.

Review of Consent Agenda Items: All items with an asterisk are considered to be non-controversial by the Council and will be approved by one motion. There may be further discussion prior to the vote upon request of a member of the public or a Council member. Also, any item may be removed for further discussion or for roll call vote in which case the item will be removed and considered in its normal sequence as part of the general order of business.

RESOLUTIONS

- #11-01 Adoption of By-laws for the year 2011 *
- #11-02 Approval of Mayor and Council 2011 Meeting Dates *
- #11-03 Appointment of Council President for the year 2011 *
- #11-04 Appointment of Council Committees for the year 2011-Non-Consent
- #11-05 Susan Connelly-Reappointment as Borough Clerk *
- #11-06 Rosemarie Giotis-Reappointment as CFO *
- #11-07 Approval of Membership in the N.J. League of Municipalities *
- #11-08 Approval of Volunteer Tuition Credit Program *
- #11-09 Daniel Krystiniak- Reappointment as Housing Officer *
- #11-10 John P. Perkins-Reappointment as Clean Communities Coordinator-\$6,500 *
- #11-11 John P. Perkins-Reappointment as Affirmative Action Compliance Officer *
- #11-12 Approval of Payroll Account *
- #11-13 Approval of Finance Office Petty Cash Account *
- #11-14 Approval of Municipal Court Cash Account *
- #11-15 Approval of Police Department Petty Cash Fund *
- #11-16 Participation in State Management Fund *
- #11-17 Reappointment of John P. Perkins as JIF Commissioner and Mary Winner as Alternate JIF Commissioner *
- #11-18 Establishment of Delinquent Tax Rate/Penalties *
- #11-19 Authorization of Investment of Idle Funds *
- #11-20 Designation of Official Depositories *
- #11-21 Adoption of 2011 Temporary Municipal Budget *
- #11-22 Emergency Management Committee Designation *
- #11-23 Approval of 2011 Block Party and Street Closing Applications *
- #11-24 Designation of the Borough's Official Newspapers *
- #11-26 Fire Department Interborough Mutual Aid *
- #11-27 Fire Department Mutual Aid with New Milford, Oradell and River Edge *
- #11-28 Fire Department Special Operations Mutual Aid Agreement *
- #11-29 Adoption of Bergen County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan *
- #11-30 Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority Interlocal Service Agreement *
- #11-31 Dr. Peter Rossi-Reappointment to the Board of Trustees of the Dixon Homestead Library *
- #11-32 Irwin Buchheister-Reappointment to the Rent Leveling Board as Alternate

Homeowner Representative *

#11-33 Lillian DeCristofaro-Reappointment to the Rent Leveling Board as Landlord Representative *

Councilman Carrick requested that #11-04 be placed on non-consent.

Motion to adopt consent agenda: Councilman Stylianos

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Stylianos

Second: Councilman Carrick

All in favor.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Caspare, Freeman, Manna, Stylianos, Zamechansky-yes.

Non-Consent Agenda

Resolution #11-04 Appointment of Council Committees for the year 2011

Motion to adopt: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Stylianos

There was no discussion from the members of the Council.

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Stylianos

Second: Councilman Manna

All in favor.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

Roll call vote: Council members Caspare, Manna, Zamechansky-yes

Council members Carrick, Freeman, Stylianos-no

Mayor McHale stated that the motion failed and that it would be considered at the next meeting.

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Stylianos

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

Motion to adjourn: Councilman Stylianos

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Connelly, RMC

Borough Clerk